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Monday, 21 November 2005

Security Council

United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)

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Twenty-first session

2.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room 9

General Assembly
Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

3–6 p.m. ..... Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on "The role of the United Nations in the MDG-focused National Poverty Reduction Strategies", organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

[The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali (Nigeria), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Dr. Peter Odili, Governor of River State of Nigeria; Mr. Bruce Jenks, Associate Administrator and Director, Bureau for

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General Assembly
Sixtieth session

The 1st meeting (closed) of the informal consultations of the plenary on the follow-up to the Summit Outcome on development and Economic and Social Council reform will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

The 53rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 23 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 8).

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Resources and Strategic Partnerships, United Nations Development Programme; Mr. Richard Morgan, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning and Programme Guidance Unit, United Nations Children's Fund; and Mrs. Azita Berar-Awad, Director, National Policy Group, Policy Integration Department of the International Labour Organization. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 45th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [67]

   Draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.19

2. Indigenous issues . . . . . [68]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.23/Rev.1

3. Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [70]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.59

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [71 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/60/L.29, A/C.3/60/L.34, A/C.3/60/L.35, A/C.3/60/L.49, A/C.3/60/L.50 and A/C.3/60/L.52/Rev.1

5. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . [71 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/60/L.46

3–6 p.m. . . . . 46th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

(Continuation of action on draft resolutions from the programme of the 45th meeting)

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 25th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [124]

   Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/60/424, A/60/317, A/60/317/Corr.1, A/60/291, A/60/291/Add.1 and A/60/7/Add.9)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [123]

   Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (A/60/425 and A/60/7/Add.10)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan . . . . . [151]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.7

4. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [121]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.6

5. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations . . . . . [136]

Updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions (A/60/437 and A/60/551)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (A/60/425 and A/60/7/Add.10))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 140 (Financing of the United Nations Observation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/60/389, A/59/657 and A/60/536))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 25th meeting.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 108 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. UNICEF biennial support budget for 2006-2007

Investments Committee

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

2.30–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), on the draft resolution on the Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21, and the outcomes of the World Summit for Sustainable Development, under agenda item 52 (a), will be held on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 54 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held from *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Martin Meisel (Austria) on item 54 (b) (Science and Technology for development), will be held on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), on the draft resolutions on agenda item 52 (g) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa), will be held on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 11.30 to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Catherine Brown (Canada), on the draft resolution on human resources development, under agenda item 56 (c), will be held on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (h) (United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity), will be held on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), on the draft resolution entitled "Globalization and interdependence", under agenda item 54 (a) (Globalization and interdependence), will be held on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados) on the draft resolution on International trade and development under agenda item 50 (a) (Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development), will be held on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Peter Le Roux (South Africa) on the draft resolution on agenda item 50 (c) (External debt crisis and development), will be held on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Abdellah Benmellouk (Morocco), on the draft resolution on the least developing countries, under agenda item 55 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the least developed countries), will be held *today*, 21 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council.

Informal "informal" consultations convened by the Facilitator, Mrs. Ewa Anzorge (Poland) on item 57 (b) (South-South cooperation), will be held on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind), will be held on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Thomas Gass (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session, under agenda item 52 (Sustainable development), will be held on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The UNICEF Executive Board will hold an informal briefing on the biennial support budget for 2006-2007 and on thematic funding in the context of the medium-term strategic plan (items on the agenda of the Board's first regular session of 2006). The briefing will take place on *Monday, 21 November 2005*, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Monday, 21 November 2005

Meeting of the co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on the right to development under agenda item 71 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Malaysia)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principles of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization, under agenda item 71 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa", under agenda item 47 (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights mainstreaming in the United Nations System (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of the Netherlands and Belgium)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations", under agenda item 73 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Monday, 21 November 2005

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee)

9.15–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on financing or development and remittances)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the international financial system)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Friends of the International Criminal Court (consultations on the draft Omnibus Resolution of the Fourth Assembly of States Parties)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Monday, 21 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 21 November 2005

Room S-226

Guests at noon Dr. Desmond Johns, Director of the New York Office of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); and Dr. Jim Kim, Director of the World Health Organization's Department of HIV/AIDS (to launch the *2005 AIDS Epidemic Update*)

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 23 November 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

10 a.m. 53rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/60/553) [112 (c)]

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: reports of the Fifth Committee [113]

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/542)

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/60/543)

   (c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/60/544)

   (d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/60/545)

   (e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/60/546)

3. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire: report of the Fifth Committee (A/60/540) [138]

4. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti: report of the Fifth Committee (A/60/541) [145]

5. United Nations Programme of Assistance in Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/514) [78]

6. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-eighth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/515) [79]

7. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-seventh session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/516)[1] [80]

8. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/517) [82]

9. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/520) [153]

[1] To be issued.

10. Observer status for the Latin American Integration Association in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/521) . . . . . [155]

11. Observer status for the Common Fund for Commodities in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/522) . . . . . [156]

12. Observer status for the Hague Conference on Private International Law in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/533) . . . . . [158]

13. Granting of observer status in the General Assembly to the Ibero-American Conference: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/534) . . . . . [159]

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS), will be held on Wednesday, 23 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 73 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and sub-items (a), (d) and (e)

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 73, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Wednesday, 23 November 2005, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its 32nd meeting on Wednesday, 23 November 2005, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Committee will take action on the following draft resolutions/decision: A/C.2/60/L.11/Rev.1, entitled "Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources" (item 38); A/C.2/60/L.36, entitled "Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries" (item 50 (a)); and on the report, under agenda item 49 (Information and communication technologies for development (A/60/323)).

Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, under agenda item 52 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction), will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 54 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 22 and 23 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan) on item 55 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperatio), will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability, under agenda item 52 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction), will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 11.30 to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), on the draft resolution on the follow-up and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, under agenda item 52 (b) (Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States), will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Khaled Aly Elbakly (Egypt), on the draft resolution on the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, under agenda item 52 (Sustainable development), will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Yoshiaki Ito (Japan), on the draft resolution on agenda item 56 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)), will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), on agenda item 51 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), on the draft resolutions on agenda item 52 (g) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa), will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), on the draft resolution entitled "Globalization and interdependence", under agenda item 54 (a) (Globalization and interdependence), will be held on Wednesday, 23 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

[*Note:* Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal "informal" consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail Maillard-Lejano@un.org).]

Third Committee

Relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation is available on the Web site of the Third Committee at the following address: www.un.org/ga/60/third.

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Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Monday, 28 November 2005, at 3.30 p.m. in Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultation

A joint informal consultation on Atlas will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on agenda item 73 (a) "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (convened by the delegation of Nigeria)

Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations", under agenda item 73 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Wednesday, 23 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee)

Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 9.15 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 23 November 2005, from 9.15 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Asian Group (First Committee) (meeting with representatives of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004))

Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Eastern European Group (experts on candidatures)

Monday, 28 November 2005, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Briefings/informal exchanges of views between the Bureau of the sixth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and delegations from the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and the JUSCANZ Group (organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests)

Group of 77 and China:
Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

European Union:
Wednesday, 30 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

JUSCANZ Group
Friday, 2 December 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

United Nations Development Programme

Wednesday, 30 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber: second informal briefing on the *Arab Human Development Report 2005* and the new Arab States regional programme.

[Interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Round table on "Tajikistan's MDG-based National Development Strategy" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, with the support of the United Nations Millennium Project)

Monday, 12 December 2005, from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Nima Tabloei, United Nations Millennium Project (tel. 1 (212) 906-6009; e-mail nima.tabloei@unmillenniumproject.org).]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixtieth session of the General

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent, by Thursday, 8 December 2005, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358 or 963-5377; room S-3460D or S-3420A).

Preparations for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (27 February–10 March 2006), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Enhanced participation of women in development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of education, health and work; and (b) Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and curricula vitae which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate on the theme. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org and/or selcuk@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than Wednesday, 7 December 2005.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 3 November 2005, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 18 November 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

43rd–44th meetings

The summary of the 43rd and 44th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2005/226).

Fifth Committee

24th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Observation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [140]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/657 and A/60/389).

The Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A60/536).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries of Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), South Africa, Uganda, the United States, Japan, Guatemala, Uruguay and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Controller and the Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made statements.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The Chairman replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Muhammad A. Muhith (Bangladesh), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [123]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these items.

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/60/183 and A/60/7/Add.7)

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Fernando Sena (Brazil).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Possibility of operating guided tours, bookstores and gift shops at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the cost implications thereof (A/59/793, A/60/7 and A/60/7/Corr.1)

The Chief of the Common Services Unit of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised at the Committee's 23rd meeting held on Monday, 14 November.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), Kenya and South Africa.

The Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Friday, 18 November 2005

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

48th meeting — *Consideration of reports* [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on the initial report of Slovenia (E/1990/5/Add.62).

49th meeting — Under agenda item 6, the Committee adopted the concluding observations on the third periodic report of Austria (E/1994/104/Add.28).

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture
Thirty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

683rd meeting — The Committee met with representatives of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which had requested a rescheduling of the examination of its initial report for Monday, 21 November 2005.

The Committee then adopted the conclusions and recommendations on Sri Lanka, in closed session.

684th meeting — The Committee heard the replies of the Government of France.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [7]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item, in closed session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Guatemala (16 November 2005)[1]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Objection to the reservations made by the United Arab Emirates upon accession: France (18 November 2005)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Objection to the reservation made by Oman upon accession: France (18 November 2005)[1]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Objection to the reservations made by Mauritania upon accession: France (18 November 2005)[1]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Guinea-Bissau (18 November 2005)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Madagascar (18 November 2005)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

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Seminar on "Critical perspectives on combating genocide: What we can do to prevent, what we can do during, what we must do after" (fourth seminar in the "Unlearning intolerance" DPI seminar series) (organized by the Department of Public Information and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)

Monday, 21 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5698; fax 1 (212) 963-4581).]

Opening of a photo exhibit entitled "Walking the World", in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the United Nations (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Poland, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and Yours Gallery)

Monday, 21 November 2005, at 6 p.m. in the Visitors' Lobby.

[All are invited to attend.]

Screening of the film "Raising Their Voices: The Story of the Sinikithemba Choir"; followed by a panel discussion (organized by the Joint United Nations Porgramme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), on the occasion of World AIDS Day)

Monday, 28 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsköld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Asif Husain-Naviatti (tel. 1 (212) 824-6610; e-mail husainnaviattia@unaids.org).]

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2005* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. Mrs. Adiyatwidi Adiwoso Asmady
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Poland
H.E. Mr. Andrzej Towpik

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A/60/PV.19	Meeting held on 21 September 2005, 3 p.m. [A C E F]
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